## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

V.

ELEK STRAUB, ANDRÁS BALOGH, AND TAMÁS MORVAI,

Defendants.

Case No.: 11-CV-9645 (RJS)

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## FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT ELEK STRAUB

On December 29, 2011, the Securities and Exchange Commission (hereinafter the "SEC" or the "Commission") filed a Complaint against Defendant Elek Straub ("Defendant") and others, asserting claims under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), and Rules promulgated pursuant to the Exchange Act. On March 10, 2017, Defendant executed a declaration whereby he acknowledged having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court's jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Final Judgment without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction and except as otherwise provided herein); waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment. Accordingly.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 30A of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78dd-1, by use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of any offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the

payment of any money, or offer, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to —

(1) any foreign official for purposes of —

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- (A)(i) influencing any act or decision of such foreign official in his official capacity, (ii) inducing such foreign official to do or omit to do any act in violation of the lawful duty of such official, or (iii) securing any improper advantage; or
- (B) inducing such foreign official to use his influence with a foreign government or instrumentality thereof to affect or influence any act or decision of such government or instrumentality, in order to assist Defendant in obtaining or retaining business for or with, or directing business to, any person;
- (2) any foreign political party or official thereof or any candidate for foreign political office for purposes of
  - (A)(i) influencing any act or decision of such party, official, or candidate in its or his official capacity, (ii) inducing such party, official, or candidate to do or omit to do an act in violation of the lawful duty of such party, official, or candidate, or (iii) securing any improper advantage; or
  - (B) inducing such party, official, or candidate to use its or his influence with a foreign government or instrumentality thereof to affect or influence any act or decision of such government or instrumentality, in order to assist Defendant in obtaining or retaining business for or with, or directing business to, any person; or any person, while knowing that all or a portion of such money or thing of value will be offered, given, or promised, directly or indirectly, to any foreign official, to any

foreign political party or official thereof, or to any candidate for foreign political office for purposes of—

(A)(i) influencing any act or decision of such foreign official, political party, party official, or candidate in his or its official capacity, (ii) inducing such foreign official, political party, party official, or candidate to do or omit to do any act in violation of the lawful duty of such foreign official, political party, party official, or candidate, or (iii) securing any improper advantage;

(B) inducing such foreign official, political party, party official, or candidate to use his or its influence with a foreign government or instrumentality thereof to affect or influence any act or decision of such government or instrumentality, in order to assist Defendant in obtaining or retaining business for or with, or directing business to, any person.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Sections 13(b)(2)(A) and 13(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78m(b)(2)(A) and (B), by failing to (a) make and keep books, records, and accounts, which, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflected the transactions and dispositions of its assets, and (b) devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that: (i) transactions are executed in accordance with

management's general or specific authorization; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or any other criteria applicable to such statements, (iii) transactions are recorded as necessary to maintain accountability for assets; (iv) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets was compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action was taken with respect to any differences.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 13(b)(5) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(5), by knowingly circumventing or failing to implement a system of internal accounting controls or knowingly falsifying any book, record or account of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 781, or is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 780(d).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Rule 13b2-1 of the Exchange Act, 17 C.F.R. § 240.13b2-1, by, directly or indirectly, falsifying or causing to be falsified any book, record or account subject to Section 13(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(A).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Rule 13b2-2 of the Exchange Act, 17 C.F.R. § 240.13b2-2, by directly or indirectly:

- (1) making or causing to be made a materially false or misleading statement to an accountant in connection with; or
- (2) omitting to state, or causing another person to omit to state, any material fact necessary in order to make statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading, to an accountant in connection with:
  - (i) any audit, review or examination of the financial statements of an issuer required to be made pursuant to the Exchange Act; or

(ii) the preparation or filing of any document or report required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act or otherwise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, pursuant to the Court's equitable powers, Defendant is prohibited for a period of five years from the entry of this Final Judgment from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 781, or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 780(d).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$250,000.00 to the SEC pursuant to Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3). Defendant shall make this payment within 14 days after entry of this Final Judgment.

Defendant may transmit payment electronically to the Commission, which will provide detailed ACH transfer/Fedwire instructions upon request. Payment may also be made directly from a bank account via Pay.gov through the SEC website at http://www.sec.gov/about/offices/ofm.htm. Defendant may also pay by certified check, bank cashier's check, or United States postal money order payable to the SEC, which shall be delivered or mailed to

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and shall be accompanied by a letter identifying the case title, civil action number, and name of

this Court; Elek Straub as the Defendant in this action; and specifying that payment is made

pursuant to this Final Judgment.

Defendant shall simultaneously transmit photocopies of evidence of payment and case

identifying information to the Commission's counsel in this action. By making this payment,

Defendant relinquishes all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in such funds and no part of

the funds shall be returned to Defendant. The Commission shall send the funds paid pursuant to

this Final Judgment to the United States Treasury. Defendant shall pay post-judgment interest on

any delinquent amounts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Consent is

incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein, and that Defendant

shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth therein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that this Court shall retain

jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Final Judgment. See

Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am., 511 U.S. 375, 381 (1994).

There being no just reason for delay, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil

Procedure, the Clerk is ordered to enter this Final Judgment forthwith and without further notice.

SO ORDERED.

Dated:

April 26, 2017

New York, New York

RICHARD J. SULLIVAN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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## NOTARIZED DOCUMENT

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

No. 11-CV-9645 (RJS)

CONSENT OF DEFENDANT

Plaintiff.

V.

ELEK STRAUB, and ANDRÁS BALOGH,

**ELEK STRAUB** 

Defendants.

- 1. Defendant Elek Straub ("Defendant") acknowledges having been served with the complaint in this action, enters a general appearance, and admits the Court's jurisdiction over Defendant and over the subject matter of this action.
- 2. Without admitting or denying the allegations of the complaint (except as to personal and subject matter jurisdiction, which Defendant admits), Defendant hereby consents to the entry of the final Judgment in the form attached hereto (the "Final Judgment") and incorporated by reference herein, which, among other things:
  - (a) permanently restrains and enjoins Defendant from violation of Sections 30A, 13(b)(2)(A), 13(b)(2)(B), and 13(b)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. §§ 78dd-1, 78m(b)(2)(A), 78m(b)(2)(B), and 78m(b)(5)]; and Exchange Act Rules 13b2-1 and 13b2-2 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.13b2-1 and 240.13b2-2];
  - (b) orders that Defendant is prohibited for a period of five years from the entry of the Final Judgment from acting as an officer or director of any



- issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 781] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 780(d)]; and
- (c) orders Defendant to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$250,000.00 under Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78u(d)(3)].
- Defendant agrees that he shall not seek or accept, directly or indirectly, reimbursement or indemnification from any source, including but not limited to payment made pursuant to any insurance policy, with regard to any civil penalty amounts that Defendant pays pursuant to the Final Judgment, regardless of whether such penalty amounts or any part thereof are added to a distribution fund or otherwise used for the benefit of investors. Defendant further agrees that he shall not claim, assert, or apply for a tax deduction or tax credit with regard to any federal, state, or local tax for any penalty amounts that Defendant pays pursuant to the Final Judgment, regardless of whether such penalty amounts or any part thereof are added to a distribution fund or otherwise used for the benefit of investors.
- 4. Defendant waives the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 5. Defendant waives the right, if any, to a jury trial and to appeal from the entry of the Final Judgment.
- 6. Defendant enters into this Consent voluntarily and represents that no threats, offers, promises, or inducements of any kind have been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission to induce Defendant to enter into this Consent.

- 7. Defendant agrees that this Consent shall be incorporated into the Final Judgment with the same force and effect as if fully set forth therein.
- 8. Defendant will not oppose the enforcement of the Final Judgment on the ground, if any exists, that it fails to comply with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and hereby waives any objection based thereon.
- 9. Defendant waives service of the Final Judgment and agrees that entry of the Final Judgment by the Court and filing with the Clerk of the Court will constitute notice to Defendant of its terms and conditions. Defendant further agrees to provide counsel for the Commission, within thirty days after the Final Judgment is filed with the Clerk of the Court, with an affidavit or declaration stating that Defendant has received and read a copy of the Final Judgment.
- against Defendant in this civil proceeding. Defendant acknowledges that no promise or representation has been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission with regard to any criminal liability that may have arisen or may arise from the facts underlying this action or immunity from any such criminal liability. Defendant waives any claim of Double Jeopardy based upon the settlement of this proceeding, including the imposition of any remedy or civil penalty herein. Defendant further acknowledges that the Court's entry of a permanent injunction may have collateral consequences under federal or state law and the rules and regulations of self-regulatory organizations, licensing boards, and other regulatory organizations. Such collateral consequences include, but are not limited to, a statutory disqualification with respect to membership or participation in, or association with a member of, a self-regulatory organization. This statutory disqualification has consequences that are separate from any sanction imposed in an administrative proceeding. In addition, in any

disciplinary proceeding before the Commission based on the entry of the injunction in this action, Defendant understands that he shall not be permitted to contest the factual allegations of the complaint in this action.

- Defendant understands and agrees to comply with the terms of 17 C.F.R. 11. § 202.5(e), which provides in part that it is the Commission's policy "not to permit a defendant or respondent to consent to a judgment or order that imposes a sanction while denying the allegations in the complaint or order for proceedings," and "a refusal to admit the allegations is equivalent to a denial, unless the defendant or respondent states that he neither admits nor denies the allegations." As part of Defendant's agreement to comply with the terms of Section 202.5(e), Defendant: (i) will not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any allegation in the complaint or creating the impression that the complaint is without factual basis; (ii) will not make or permit to be made any public statement to the effect that Defendant does not admit the allegations of the complaint, or that this Consent contains no admission of the allegations, without also stating that Defendant does not deny the allegations; and (iii) upon the filing of this Consent, Defendant hereby withdraws any papers filed in this action to the extent that they deny any allegation in the complaint. If Defendant breaches this agreement, the Commission may petition the Court to vacate the Final Judgment and restore this action to its active docket. Nothing in this paragraph affects Defendant's: (i) testimonial obligations; or (ii) right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which the Commission is not a party.
- 12. Defendant hereby waives any rights under the Equal Access to Justice Act, the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, or any other provision of law to seek from the United States, or any agency, or any official of the United States acting in his or

her official capacity, directly or indirectly, reimbursement of attorney's fees or other fees, expenses, or costs expended by Defendant to defend against this action. For these purposes, Defendant agrees that Defendant is not the prevailing party in this action since the parties have reached a good faith settlement.

- 13. Defendant agrees that the Commission may present the Final Judgment to the Court for signature and entry without further notice.
- 14. Defendant agrees that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the Final Judgment.

Dated: March 10th, 2017

**ELEK STRAUB** 

NOTARIZED

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On North 10th, 2017, Elek Straub, a person known to me, personally appeared before me and acknowledged executing the foregoing Consent.

Dr. Mikó Ádám Péter Közjegyző

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Approved as to form:

Robert B. Buehler Hogan Lovells US LLP 875 Third Ave. New York, NY 10022 (212) 918-3261 Attorney for Defendant



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I, undersigned Notary hereby certify that this document attached hereto was signed in my presence by:-----Straub, Elek (born in Balatonfüred on the 19th day of November, 1944, mother's maiden name: Szemerjay-Petrán, Mária) Hungarian citizen, domiciled at 1022 Budapest, Tövis street 3/B 1., who verified his identity by his Hungarian Identity Card No. 055577BE and his Hungarian address by Address Card No. 963626 LE presented before me. -----The Client hereby acknowledged the warning of the Notary about the provisions of Section 122 (2)-(10) of Act XLI of 1991 on Civil law notaries relating to the regulations of on-line verification regarding the personal data and identity of the clients.-----Prior to the authentication of the signature the Client declared that he understands the text of the document attached hereto and he is aware of its contents. The Client acknowledged the warning of the Notary that the authentication of the signature on a private deed is not equivalent to a Declaration contained in a notarial deed. The Client hereby acknowledged the warning of the Notary, that the Notary does not examine the content of the document and bears no liability in relation to its content. This notarization proves only the authenticity of the signature but does not prove the right therefore and obligations determined or referred in the notarized document. Following the acknowledgment of the information above the Client expressly requested the authentication of his signature. -----Dated at Budapest, this 10th (tenth) day of March in the year of 2017 (two thousand and

> dr. Mikó, Ádám Péter Notary

